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SUBJECT: USIS IN PNG.

1. AS INDEPENDENCE APPROACHES, PROBABLY ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1, 1975, THE NEED FOR USIS PRESENCE AT CONGEN PORT MORESBY IS INCREASINGLY APPARENT.
2. PNG IS FAST EVOLVING POLITICALLY AND INDEPENDENCE WILL BRING A HOST OF GUESTS FROM EVERY PART OF THE WORLD CREATING NEW PUBLIC CONSCIOUSNESS AS THE NATION SHEDS THE LAST OF COLONIALISM AND BECOMES INDEPENDENT AND A MEMBER OF THE U.N.
3. ALREADY LOAD ON CONGEN STAFF IS INCREASING AND WITH FY76 CU/IV PROGRAM COMING UP, THEY WILL BE HARD PRESSED TO DO EFFICIENT JOB ON IV'S OR THEIR PUBLIC AFFAIRS WORK WHICH MUST BE PART OF CONSULATE GENERAL.
4. EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT ARE WORKING ON PLANS TO BEEF UP PORT MORESBY.
5. PAO CANBERRA HOPES THAT USIS PRESENCE WILL SOON BE ESTABLISHED THERE AS PRESENT SITUATION TAXES RE-SOURCES OF AUSTRALIA AND DOES NOT DO ADEQUATE JOB FOR PNG. AMBASSADOR STRONGLY CONCURS.

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